

Jul, 28, 1980

Dear Vickie and Jimmy,

Your letter just came and this one came through in just five days. I hope you have been getting my letters by now as it must have seemed like I had forgotten all about you. Diane has her friend over again from Mercer Island and they have fun running around and playing games. Our weather is just beautiful and is supposed to last for several more days. I read the temperature in London every day and saw where it was up in the 70's one day and then back down in to the 50's.

I can imagine how strange it must have looked to see your car when you went to pick it up. Cars become part of the family. It sounds as tho it is beautiful there and you are seeing so many different places. I certainly hope we can make a trip there. Vickie should rebel about not being able to run in the ten mile, and maybe a new rule will be put into effect.

Mike comes and goes between here and Wash. D. C. He talked to Tom yesterday and Tom said Carolyn missed Mary and Vickie so much, so at least he must have talked to her. Mary and Mike and Diane were on television Saturday as Mike announced his candidacy. This week Mary will be going to the opera again and seeing it in English. She certainly enjoys it as she read books on it before she went. Next week she is invited to a big affair with the conductor and journalist from all over the world and some of the performers. It will be in a private home just below us. Marilyn is going with her. Our mower has been in the repair shop and we just got it back so I am going to mow the lawn when I finish this. You will get used to your small refrigerator of course, but it will be inconvenient when you are not able to freeze anything. Maybe you can buy a little deep freezer, that is, if you have any money for extras, since everything is so expensive there. The out door pubs sound interesting.

We love getting your letters and I will send mine
to your flat unless I hear that the mail will
reach you sooner by sending letters to the
Alexandria address.

By for now.

Love,

Mom.

BIRD APPLIQUÉ

Detail from cotton pieced work and appliqué quilt

New York State, 1850

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